

REMARKS

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). In the Examiner's objections to the drawings, reference is made by the Examiner to the fact that the present application apparently contains incorrect drawings. Accordingly, in order to correct the present situation, a Petition was submitted on January 3, 2005 requesting the Commissioner to substitute the drawings of the present application with those of application Serial No. 10/671,563 which application was also filed on September 29, 2003, and to substitute the drawings of Serial No. 10/671,563 with those found in the present application. A copy of the Petition that was filed in the USPTO on January 3 2005 is attached hereto.

The claim of the present application has also been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garris, U.S. Patent 1,591,678 in view of Johnson, U.S. Patent 1,943,893 and Yaneza, U.S. Patent 4,957,125. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Because of the apparent inadvertency noted by the Examiner in connection with the drawings of the present application, the Examiner's rejection could not be realistically applied to the present application for logical reasons. Accordingly, the Applicant has the same difficulty in responding to the

Examiner's rejection which is based upon the improper drawings apparently of record in the official file. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reevaluate his position concerning the patentability of the claim of the present application, presuming that the Petition will be granted, thereby permitting the proper drawings to be introduced into the present application for the Examiner's consideration.

Accordingly, action on the merits of the present application in the light of the resolution of the drawing problem is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

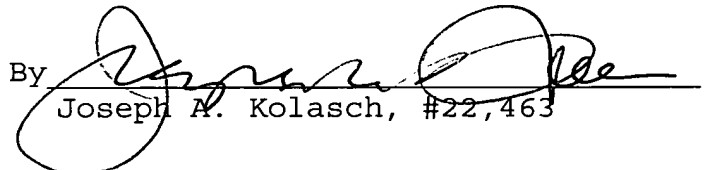
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. No. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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